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FACT SHEET

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BUFFALO RIVER REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT, NY

Regional Sediment Management - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

Section 204 of the 1992 Water Resources Development Act, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Unity Island, Buffalo, NY

Project Description

- This authority evaluates the use of dredged material from new or existing federal projects to protect, restore, or create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands; to reduce storm damage to property, in connection with dredging for construction, operation, or maintenance of an authorized navigation project.
- Creation of over five acres of emergent, and submerged aquatic habitat.
- Creation of wetland communities along the shoreline.
- The creation of deep-water fish habitat using submerged trees will increase the density and diversity of aquatic species.

- Feasibility phase is 100% Federal.
- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal.

Importance

- Buffalo River is a listed Area of Concern (AOC) due to loss of fish and wildlife habitat.
- A high priority as a result of sediment remediation is the restoration of aquatic habitat and wetlands wherever possible.

Consequence

- Without implementation of this project, there will be a lack of alternative uses of dredged material for ecosystem restoration.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY16	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget	FY18 Requirement	FY18 Budget
Design & Implementation	\$1.95M	\$100k	\$1.8M	\$1.8M	\$50K	TBD

Project Sponsor/Customer

- City of Buffalo submitted a Letter of Intent in June 2014.

Congressional Interests

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

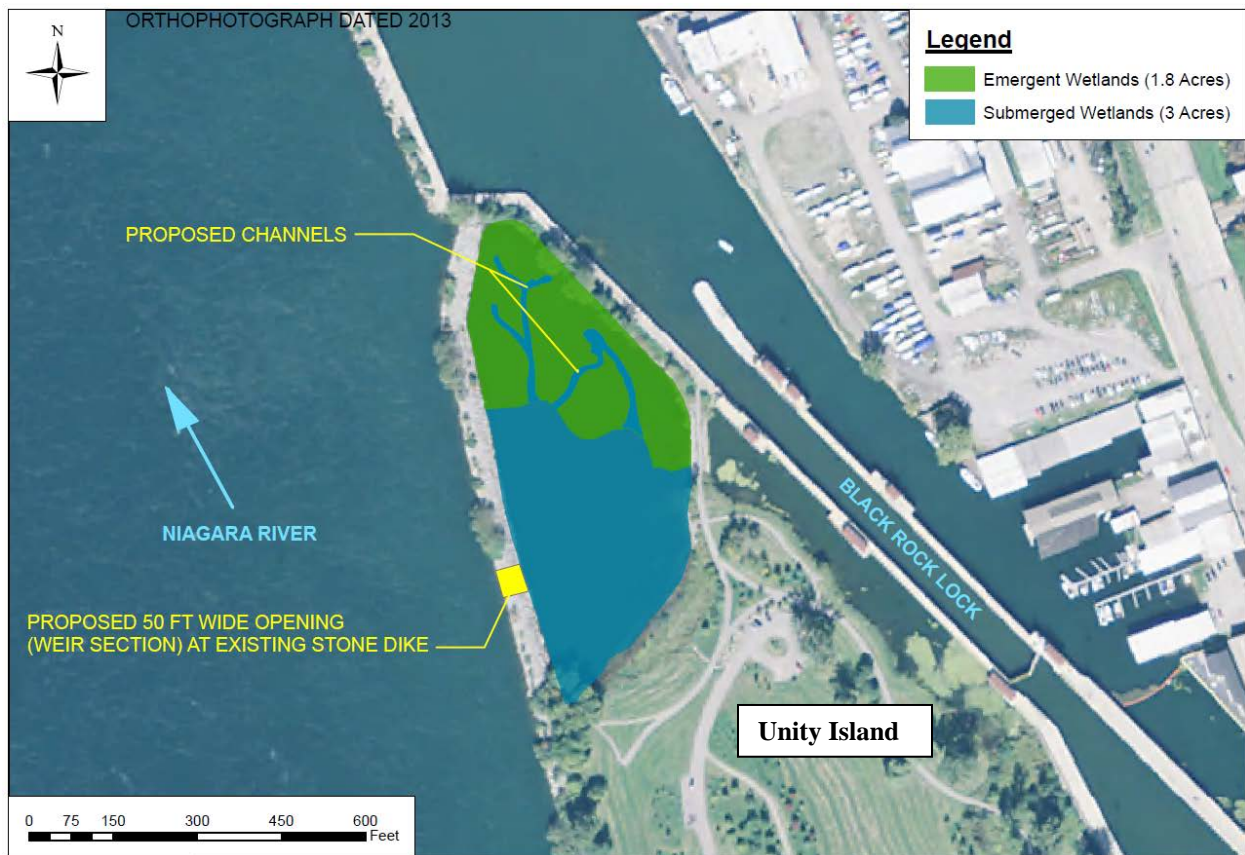
- Execution of a Project Partnership Agreement signed September 2016.
- Design is underway with expected completion in June 2017. Next, dredging will occur in fall 2017 and project construction completion expected in 2018.
- Requested funds used to complete the Design & Implementation phase
- Collaborating with Great Lakes Legacy Act work.

Issues

- None



Project Location



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